

Memo

To: All Registry Districts

From: Edmund A. Williams, Chief Title Examiner

Date: August 25, 2006

Re: Homesteads

Notwithstanding Land Court Guideline No. 25, effective August 25, 2006, the Registry Districts may accept for registration declarations of homestead under section 1 filed by each unrelated owner named in a Certificate of Title.

As a result, multiple homesteads may be filed when owners are not related.

Only one tenant by the entirety or related owner may claim a section 1 homestead for the benefit of his or her family.

The section 1A homestead estate is available to each individual who has an ownership interest in the property and qualifies by reason of age or disability.

The Land Court does not certify as to the validity of any claim.